

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 03rd April 2011

IRTS AGM Weekend

Limerick Radio Club hosted the 79th AGM of the IRTS last weekend. Eighty Seven (87) guests attended the Annual Dinner and invited guests included Cllr. Kathleen Leddin, Colin & Gwen Thomas G3PSM representing IARU Region 1, Conor Conran representing Comreg. Colin Thomas also passed on the best wishes of Dave Wilson M0OBW, President of RSGB and Kay Craigie N3KN President of ARRL.

On Sunday almost 200 visitors attended the Limerick Radio Club Rally, and lots of happy faces were seen leaving with boxes of goodies! The AREN MCP was in attendance which attracted a lot of interest and some potential new members. The IRTS 80M news was read by Ger McNamara EI4GXB from the same large room that Terry Genes G4POP delivered his seminar on Ham Radio Deluxe. All in all a very successful weekend was had by all and Limerick Radio Club would like to thank everyone who attended.

IRTS Awards Presented at IRTS AGM 2011

The following is a random selection of some of the awards and respective recipients presented at the IRTS AGM Limerick 2011:-

IRTS CW FD, IRTS Pete Daly Cup, presented to Jeremy, EI5GM/P

IRTS CW FD restricted, IRTS Paddy Smyth Cup, presented Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, EI0W/P.

IRTS SSB FD Open, Paddy Daly Microphone presented to Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, EI7T/P.

IRTS SSB restricted, IRTS HF Shield presented to Shannon Basin Radio Club, EI3Z/P

Full details of awards and recipients can be obtained by logging on to IRTS.ie.

AREN at IRTS AGM Limerick 2011

AREN would like to thank EI4BZ, EI5GOB, EI2IT, EI3FFB and EI7IG for their

assistance with the Mobile Command Post over the weekend of the IRTS AGM. Also, AREN would like to thank the Radio Amateurs that stopped by for a chat and to ask questions. Lastly we would encourage any Radio Amateur with an interest in Emergency Communications to join the low volume google group AREN-EI, and we would encourage discussion related to the topic.

South Dublin Radio Club

South Dublin Radio Club are back operating at their totally refurbished premises in Ballyroan Community Centre, Marian Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin.

Next Tuesday April 5th Ronnie EI9ED will be travelling from Kells to give a talk, at 8pm, on Amateur Television at South Dublin Radio Club. He will explain how easy it is to get involved in the hobby and the facilities offered by the television repeater in Kingscourt Co. Cavan. Visitors as always are welcome to attend.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road, Clonmel on Thursday next the 7th of April at 8.30pm All are welcome.

UK Coast Guard Frequency Changes

Two UK Coastguard stations are moving frequency to below 2MHz from April 4, 2011. These changes will be made to HMCG MF transmitting frequencies: MRCC Humber - TX on 2226 kHz will change to 1925 kHz. MRCC Falmouth - TX on 2226 kHz will change to 1880 kHz

THANK YOU – PAT CONWAY TROPHY

Michael Clarke Mi5MTC writes, wishing to thank the IRTS for presenting him with the Pat Conway Cup at the AGM in Limerick. Louth Erne have again won the RSGB Club of the Year Award for Northern Ireland.

They count among their members, many new amateur radio families, fathers, mothers, daughters and sons, and five women, all newly licensed from our Foundation courses in 2010. The club now has a rich programme of amateur radio activities.

The next activity is the Pearl Anniversary Rally on 17th April, the Sunday before Easter in SHARE.

On display will this large cup engraved IRTS Pat Conway EI3Z Perpetual Memorial Trophy. The club proud to have it and hope that the rally and all their other successes are an apt memorial to Ei3Z

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

As misery continues since the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear accident hit north-eastern Japan on 11 March, the headquarters station of the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) in Tokyo, JA1RL, became a disaster communication centre in the days immediately after the disaster.

International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 3 Secretary, Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP reports that they transmitted rescue requests including the needs of refugee centre facilities down to the basics of electricity, water and gas supplies.

Ken JA1CJP said that hand-held VHF and UHF transceivers are now being delivered to the local disaster relief centres. "The equipment is being used to establish VHF/UHF networks for refugee centres and local disaster relief," he said. "JARL expresses its appreciation to all radio amateurs for their cooperation to keep 7.030MHz clear for disaster relief communications." Ken JA1CJP, said.

DX News

A major IOTA expedition which incorporates 5 different IOTA references in Papua New Guinea has just started and the team are currently on the Feni Islands OC-101 signing P29VCX until 7 April. Then from 8 – 14 April they move to the Nuguria Islands OC-257 where the call P29NI will be used. This is followed by the Green Islands OC-231 where they will use P29VLR from 15 – 18 April. Finally the call P29VCX will firstly be used on Misima Island OC-117 on 22 – 25 April and then on Loloata Island OC-240 from 26 – 27 April. All in all this presents an opportunity to work up to 5 new ones for the IOTA Award or possibly to fill in a few slots for your DXCC Challenge.

Three French operators will be QRV from the Seychelles using the callsign S79UFT until 15 April. They will operate mainly CW with some PSK.

Our own DXer Dave EI9FBB will pay a short visit to Monaco later this month and will be active as 3A/EI9FBB from 20 – 22 April. Operation will be mainly in the

afternoons and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of the World and eQSL.

Uganda has been quite easy to work in recent times. Nick 5X1NH has been very active and is still there till 14 April. Another visitor this time UV5EVJ is now signing 5X1VJ. He will be in Uganda till 8 June.

Craig VK4LDX will be QRV from Magnetic Island OC-171 from 17 – 20 April. He plans to operate SSB, PSK41 and RTTY. He will use the call VK4LDX/P.

9 year-old radio ham operator on YouTube

A new video of 9 year-old radio ham operator Katia Ivanova, RZ9UMA, has been posted on YouTube. The video shows Katia QRV on CW and SSB.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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